

Mill Brook Watershed Management Committee
Minutes for August 9, 2021 Meeting at 5 pm
Approved on August 30, 2021

People present: Kristen Geagan, Donna Paulnock, David Bouck, Angela Luckey, Tim Boland, Prudy Burt

People absent: Bill Wilcox, Cynthia Mitchell

Approved July 12 Minutes

Prudy emailed the committee about two sites: Waskosim's rock and Scotchman's Bridge Lane south of the road

- We did already move the Waskosim's data logger and staff gauge.
 - o Now have two sets of data on that site

We need Neal's expertise on moving the Scotchman's Bridge south logger since we have something affecting the data that we are not certain about.

- Would be great if he could come down, but at least a review of the data and placement of the logger and whether or not it is worth moving.
- After this run we think there is enough data for a fair assessment.
- We have not heard anything back yet from Neal but Prudy will reach out again this evening.

We are not getting useful data on the diversion dam and maybe moving the data logger to Factory Brook would give us more accurate measurement of that diversion.

We have reached our halfway point of water sampling

Ran into Fran Woods yesterday while sampling

- She was manually removing black swallow wort from the field.

Simon Athearn withdrawals at Hickie Fields

- Conservation Commission is having a site visit this week
- Mill Brook Committee would like to know what the irrigation withdrawals are – date and time so we can compare that with our water sampling data
 - o Keep detailed logbook to help us with our data collection interpretation

Vegetation management

- Thinking that there should be an observational site assessment of water willow starting in September to look for exit holes.
- Need to figure out best approach to getting out there.
 - o Not many walkable sections, kayak may be the best option

Roth Woodlands Culvert update:

- Appeal from property owners was filed with DEP
- There are a couple more weeks for property owners to file with the Superior Court
- They don't have standing to file an appeal with the selectmen – they were dismissed at the Selectmen's meeting
 - o Only the applicant can appeal to the Selectmen – which would be Sheriff's Meadow.

Next meeting: Start talking about scheduling looking for exit holes

- Prudy will do her best to get ahold of Neal this week

Next meeting scheduled for August 30, 2021 at 5 pm

- May have a chat with Neal in the meantime